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## Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market kicking off on Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market will kick off its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. The 2021 Market will occur from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Saturday, Sept. 26. Vendors are still being accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market) or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market).

## WACT fall musical auditions planned

Auditions for the Wabash Area Community Theater's (WACT) fall musical production, "Sister Act," will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Callbacks, and those who can't make it to auditions over the weekend, are scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the church.

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# Hoosiers age 12 and older now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported the 80th local virus death

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH) announced that Hoosiers age 12 and older may begin receiving a free COVID-19 vaccine.

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended the use of the Pfizer vaccine for this new age group on Wednesday following the FDA's expansion of the vaccines Emergency Use Authorization, according to the ISDH. The Pfizer vaccine is the only one of the three COVID-19 vaccines that are currently approved for use in individuals younger than age 18.

During a televised press conference earlier on Wednesday, state chief medical officer Dr. Lindsay Weaver welcomed the news.

"I'm excited for this next step both as a physician and as a parent," said Weaver. "Expanding the vaccine to the younger Hoosiers will help our children getting back to the activities that they love."

To find a vaccination clinic that offers the Pfizer vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov>

and search for a site that lists Pfizer as an option, or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are permitted.

An adult must accompany a child age 12 to 15 to the appointment; parental consent is required for minors.

State health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said this development would help with current vaccination ef-

forts, which are needed now more than ever given the rise of variants of the virus in the state.

Box said 41.7 percent of recent samples have tested positive for variants. So far, Box said there have been 1,884 total recorded variant cases in the state. The B.1.1.1 variant from the United Kingdom is by far the most prevalent at 1,499 cases, which the

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## National Guard assists with vaccinations



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Indiana Air National Guard air space medical technician Shelby Ricketts readying her vaccination station at the Honeywell Center.

Soldiers administering shots, registering patients, scheduling follow-ups

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On a typical day, last month at the Honeywell Center's COVID-19 vaccine clinic, Indiana Air National Guard air space medical technician Shelby Ricketts was readying her station.

Ricketts is one of the many soldiers who have been assisting with local vaccination efforts over the past few months.

"We're on active duty orders assisting, and a few of the others are also military members here," said Ricketts. "We've been here since nearly the beginning of March."

Parkview Wabash Hospital president Marilyn J. Custer-Mitchell has been in charge of the local vaccination clinic, first at the Wabash County Museum and later at the Honeywell Center.

Custer-Mitchell said these soldiers have provided valuable support for

their clinic.

"The National Guard has been a huge help to us at the clinic," said Custer-Mitchell. "They are being utilized in all positions. Registering people, to help vaccinate people and scheduling second appointments."

Indiana National Guard Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry said they have been active in similar clinics across the state for some time now.

"More than 400 Hoosier National Guard soldiers and airmen are assisting with COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the state. Of those, approximately half a dozen help in Wabash County, but that number varies," said Lowry. "Our Guardsmen are instrumental in inoculating Hoosiers at vaccination sites while also helping with traffic flow at those sites."

Since the beginning of the pandemic, members of the Indiana National Guard have made their presence

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Indiana National Guard soldiers have been registering people, to help vaccinate people and scheduling second appointments at the local clinic.



The Wabash clinic has been using the Moderna vaccine.

## Lifeguard shortage may delay Honeywell Pool opening

Opening day, set for Memorial Day weekend, may have to be moved back

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Mark C. Honeywell Pool is scheduled to be open by the end of the month, but a shortage of available lifeguards may cause that date to be moved back.

During Wednesday's regular Wabash Park Board meeting, this time held at Wabash City Park, parks superintendent Adam Hall said they were having a hard time finding anyone to sign up for the required training.

"The pool for the most part 90 percent is ready to go," said Hall. "I don't have the chemicals balanced yet. I'm waiting on a few pumps to be delivered. The guards are going to be the issue."

Hall said that the YMCA usually shares lifeguards with them, but they have been having similar issues finding lifeguards, for which the city pays \$8 per hour.

"It's been stressful," said Hall. "It is a challenge. We're trying."

In May 2020, the board decided by a 4 to 2 vote to close the pool for the 2020 season due to concerns over COVID-19.

During the March meeting, the board voted unanimously to open the pool this year. Hall said they were planning on moving forward as usual.

Hall said he had attended a conference with around 150 representatives from parks districts throughout the state. Hall said about half had opened, while others had to close early. Still others, like Wabash, never opened at all.

Hall said he had been in communication with the Wabash County Health Department,

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## Wabash County Memorial Day services canceled due to COVID-19

For the second year, state of emergency nixes annual event

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For the second year in a row, the Wabash County Memorial Day services will not be held due to COVID-19.

Wabash County veterans service Samuel Daugherty said the annual event had been planned for the North Lawn of the Wabash Coun-

ty Courthouse on Monday, May 31.

However, due to Gov. Eric Holcomb's continuation of the state of emergency declaration, Daugherty said they had decided to cancel the event.

"This was a hard decision for the veteran service officer, but as the state of emergency continues through Memorial Day, it could not be avoided," said Daugherty.

Daugherty said the ceremony would usually include numerous speakers, service

organizations, police, fire, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) workers and other stakeholders and invitees.

"Please enjoy this coming Memorial Day by remembering the fallen heroes who sacrificed so much for our nation," said Daugherty.

On Tuesday, Wabash County deputy county veteran officer Belinda Ireland offered several additional options to celebrate local veterans provided by the Department of Defense's Military OneSource.

"I also would like to add one more to this list, cleaning around the headstones of veterans at the local cemetery," said Ireland.

Ireland said other ideas include:

- Talk about who you will honor on Memorial Day
- Post a tribute on social media.
- Reach out to others who share your loss.
- Send flowers from you and your service member to the family of someone who lost their lives in service to the country.

■ Donate to a nonprofit that was important to your fallen hero. Or ask about possible volunteer opportunities.

■ Make and send poppies for your service member to wear on Memorial Day.

■ Fly the American flag.

■ Observe the National Moment of Silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, and observe one minute of silence. Use this time to reflect on those who lost their lives.

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# Indiana 114 to close for bridge maintenance near North Manchester

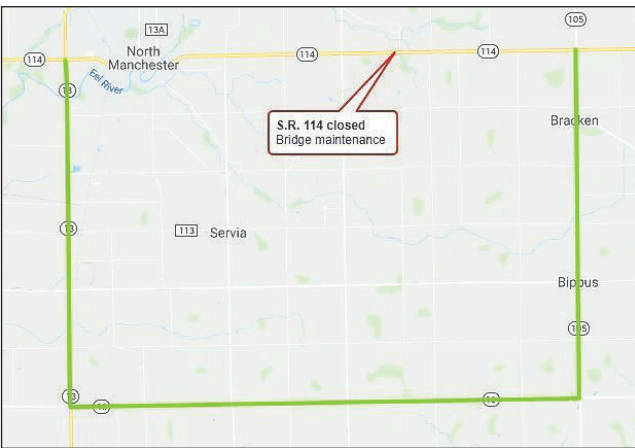
Work scheduled to begin Thursday, May 20 and last until early July

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the closure of Indiana 114 near North Manchester for bridge maintenance, according to public relations manager Hunter Petroviak.

Crews will be working between Gene Stratton Porter Road and Rock-Springs Pike. Work is scheduled to begin on or after Thursday, May 20 and will last until early July.

During the closure, motor-



Provided graphic

Crews will be working between Gene Stratton Porter Road and Rock-Springs Pike.

ists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

Motorists should slow down, watch for stopped

traffic, and drive distraction-free through all work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

# Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes to hold free fishing derbies

Saturday, June 5 is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents

STAFF REPORT

Children ages 2 to 14 and their adults are invited to Free Fishing Derbies at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes on Saturday, June 5, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Saturday, June 5 is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents.

“It’s a perfect day to learn how to fish at one of our fishing derbies,” said Rody.

Youth age categories are 2 to

5; 6 to 10; and 11 to 14, with first-, second- and third-prize winners for largest fish in each age category. The largest overall fish will be awarded a grand prize. Each participant must use bait provided by DNR staff.

Each property will host its derby, with winners announced at each property.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Rules and regulations will be announced at that time.

Youth fishing time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. An Adult Fish-






ing Contest will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Awards will follow. Children and their adults must be present to win awards.

“Note that details of this event may be subject to change based on the state’s response to COVID-19,” said Rody.

Advance registration is requested by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127.





For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or Facebook.com/UpperWabash.

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 70 / 53	 <b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 67 / 56	 <b>Monday</b> Few Showers 69 / 54	 <b>Tuesday</b> Chance T-storms 76 / 56	 <b>Wednesday</b> Chance T-storms 77 / 58
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:50 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:27 a.m.

 First 5/19	 Full 5/26	 Last 6/2	 New 6/10
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 70°, humidity of 36%. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of showers, overnight low of 52°. South southeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Sunday, skies will be cloudy with a 50% chance of showers, high of 67°, humidity of 65%.

# Wabash County Farm Bureau announces scholarship winners

Six \$750 prizes were awarded to Wabash County students

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Farm Bureau has announced the winners of six \$750 scholarships awarded to Wabash County students, according to a press release.

The list of winners included: ■ Lena Cordes, who is

the daughter of Jared and Erica Cordes, and is majoring in English and language arts teaching, and minoring in Spanish.

■ Lingjun Fu, who is the daughter of Charles William Reed, and is majoring in general management, with a minor in pre-law or international studies.

■ Joseph Leland, who is the son of Donald and Tyann Leland, and is majoring in general business and administration.

■ Carly Hawkins, who is the daughter of John and Cindy Hawkins, and is double-majoring in marketing and communications, and is potentially minoring in non-profit administration.

■ Carter Wilcox, who is the son of Doug and Amy Wilcox, and is majoring in medium and heavy diesel technology.

■ Riley Whitesel, who is the son of Matt Whitesel, and is majoring in agriculture economics.

# Be still

By KIRK JOHNSON

There’s a show I used to love to watch called “Ninja Warrior.” It’s this crazy show that originated in Japan where people compete on an obstacle course facing all kinds of insane challenges. Take the barrel roll for example. It would be one thing if you climbed inside the barrel and rolled down this incline. I could handle something like that. But here it’s all about clinging to the outside of this oversized barrel as you roll down this incline, sometimes with the barrel rolling over you. Or there’s the sideways windmill. And so, imagine the fans of a windmill, laid sideways so they spin horizontally instead of vertically, and enlarged enough for people to walk on. Contestants have to time it just right to jump onto the blade and make their way across this dizzying thing without falling off. And at the end of the obstacle course is always this warped wall they had to scale and overcome, a wall that bent in on itself, making scaling it a nightmare. It’s crazy, near impossible stuff these people try to overcome.

Have you ever noticed how life often feels like a massive obstacle course? Especially over this last year that we have all come through, we have all faced massive and sometimes impossible challenges. Some days felt like we were on this crazy barrel roll, just trying to hold on as life rolls on, and sometimes feeling like

life was rolling over us. There were times when we felt like that sideways windmill, especially days in quarantine where it seemed like we were walking in circles and just not getting anywhere. There were moments when we hit the wall and didn’t know how we would overcome it. There are days still today when we face all of these and more. Life can often feel like a massive obstacle course. And here’s the question: What do you do when you reach the end of yourself? When the challenges are greater than you?

I think that’s the question facing the Israelites in Exodus chapter 14. God had moved with Moses to free them from slavery just days before. He had led them out of Egypt and to the Red Sea, but now Pharaoh’s army was pressing in to recapture them. Unsure of what to do, they began to panic – and honestly, I would have too, and I bet you would have too. That’s what we tend to do when we hit the wall and don’t know what to do. But it’s in this moment that Moses gives them this great promise. It’s a promise that is still for you and me. Listen to what he says: “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” (Exodus 14:13-14)

That’s when God did the impossible by splitting the sea. He made a way forward for His people

right through this massive obstacle, and His people moved on to freedom.

You and I live in a world that is often filled with obstacles larger than us: Bills that are greater than our resources, disease that is greater than our medical science, a conflict that is greater than our ability to resolve and addictions beyond our ability to overcome on our own, just to name a few. We could keep listing the challenges, but greater than the challenges we face is our God. A God who tells us to stand firm in Him and look to Him and see the deliverance He will bring into our lives. He is the One who makes a way forward where there is no way. We just need to be still as we look to Him, pray to Him, rest in Him, and trust in Him. And then when He moves, we move with Him.

I don’t know what challenges you are facing, but I do know that facing them is not up to you alone – not when you belong to Jesus. Maybe today you need to hear His promise again spoken over your life: “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Our God is fighting for you. He’s moving to help you. We need only to look to Him, pray to Him, stand firm in Him, and be still. And when He moves – and He will – we need to move with Him.

*Kirk Johnson is the lead pastor of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene.*

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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth McNeely

Funeral services for Elizabeth McNeely, 72, of Peru, are 3:00 pm, Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Visitation is 1:30 – 3:00 pm Friday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Elizabeth’s family for expenses.

## Mask order dropped for South Bend after new CDC guidance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — At least one Indiana county is dropping its local mask mandate after federal health officials eased mask-wearing guidance for those fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The health officer for St. Joseph County, which includes South Bend, rescinded Thursday night the order that was to remain in place until May 27. Local officials, however, are keeping mask orders in effect for Indianapolis and Bloomington.

St. Joseph County Health Officer Dr. Robert M. Einterz cited the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks outdoors in crowds and in most indoor settings. But he said he remained concerned about many unvaccinated people remaining vulnerable to coronavirus infection.

The CDC reports Indiana has the country’s 12th lowest rate with about 31 percent of all people fully vaccinated.

Marion County health department director Dr. Virginia Caine said the agency would review the CDC guidance and the Indianapolis vaccination rates before recommending any changes to current restrictions. Caine said work continues on getting more people immunized.

The regulations for Bloomington and surrounding Monroe County will be reviewed during a county health board meeting next week, the health department administrator said.

## VACCINE

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B.1.427/B.1.429 variant from California has shown up in 250 cases, the P.1 variant from Brazil has shown up in 120 cases and the B.1.351 variant from South Africa has shown up in 15 cases.

“All of these variants have significantly increased in the last two weeks,” said Box.

Box said the lowering of the age for vaccine eligibility was also important because of the number of the multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). Box said there have been 89 total confirmed cases in the state so far in those ages 0 to 20, with the mean age being 9.7 years old. Of those, 34.8 percent are female and 65.2 are male.

“All of these patients have been discharged from the hospital,” said Box.

COVID-19 cases have been slowly rising both locally and statewide.

Last month, a lower number of cases has pushed Wabash County’s COVID-19 advisory level from the ISDH from yellow, the second-lowest level, to blue, the lowest level, during their weekly dashboard update. Though now in the blue, Wabash County’s positive rating is up slightly, and nearly every other neighboring county has moved back to yellow status. In addition, on Saturday, April 17, the ISDH reported the 78th confirmed COVID-19 death in Wabash County, on Friday, May 7, the ISDH reported the 79th local confirmed local COVID-19 death, and on Wednesday, May 12, the ISDH reported the 80th confirmed local COVID-19 death.

On Thursday, the ISDH announced that 900 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 732,692 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

To date, 13,033 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of five from the previous day. Another 417 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in

patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,436,875 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,432,248 on Wednesday. A total of 10,104,400 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

Appointments and walk-ups are welcome at the former Roosevelt High School in Gary, which is offering both the Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines. The Gary clinic is offering vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT at 2401 Harrison St., Gary. Free transportation to and from the site is available through the Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) and a partnership between IU Health and Lyft. Language interpretation and support for those with disabilities, hearing or vision impairments are also available onsite.

Mobile vaccination clinics will be held this week on the following schedule:

- From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sunday at the INDYCAR parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indianapolis.
- From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday at the Center Lake Pavilion, 119 E. Canal St., Warsaw.
- From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tolson Center, 1320 Benham Ave., Elkhart.

Hoosiers may obtain a vaccine without an appointment at participating clinics. To find vaccination sites, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov>. Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free UBER ride. Call 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments.

As of Thursday, a total of 4,696,852 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,470,237 first doses and 2,226,615 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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## LIFEGUARDS

From page A1

who said the COVID-19 infection rates had been trending positively enough they could open the pool this year.

Hall said the pool being closed last year exasperated the shortage, which had been gaining steam for quite a long time.

“It’s kind of been building slowly and being off last year compounded it,” said Hall. “We always struggle for the guards, struggle for the subs.”

Hall said they planned to open on Saturday, May 29 for Memorial Day weekend, but that the board may have to meet again before then to

determine if they have enough staff to cover the shifts.

“We may have to keep the pool closed until more lifeguards sign up,” said Hall. “Nobody’s showing interest.”

On Thursday, Hall said they are looking for both full-time lifeguards to work five days per week, and also part-time lifeguards to work three to four days per week.

In addition, Hall said they needed substitute lifeguards to “fill in as needed.”

Hall said those interested in signing up should register on the Wabash County YMCA’s website by visiting [www.wabashcountyyymca.org](http://www.wabashcountyyymca.org).

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# States, business sort out what new CDC mask guidance means

By **HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH and STEPHEN GROVES**  
Associated Press

More than a dozen states quickly embraced new federal guidelines that say fully vaccinated Americans no longer need to wear masks indoors or out in most cases. But other states and cities and some major businesses hesitated amid doubts about whether the approach is safe or even workable.

As many business owners pointed out, there is no easy way to determine who has been vaccinated and who hasn’t. And the new guidelines, issued Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, essentially leave it up to people to do the right thing.

Labor groups and others warned that employees at

stores, restaurants and other businesses could be left exposed to the coronavirus from customers and could be forced into the unwanted role of “vaccination police.”

Several major chains, including Home Depot and grocer Kroger Co., announced that they would keep mask mandates in place for now.

But Sean Weinberg took down mask signs Friday at Restaurant Alba in Malvern, Pennsylvania, which he runs with his wife. He also emailed his employees to let them know they can forgo masks at work if they are fully vaccinated.

“It’s just a headache we don’t want to have to fight any more,” he said of the mask requirement.

Half the states had mask requirements in place for most indoor spaces when the CDC

issued its recommendations.

Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Kentucky, Washington, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kansas and Rhode Island announced plans to fall in line with the guidance either immediately or in the coming weeks.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said the new approach makes clear that vaccines are the fastest way to get back to doing the things “we all love.” Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear called the guidance a “game-changer.” And Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said the change is “a heck of a benefit.”

Other states, such as California, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Hawaii and Massachusetts, and cities like Minneapolis and St. Paul kept mask rules in place for the time being.

“We’re frankly not there yet,” New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said. And Hawaii Gov. David Ige said: “We are unable to determine who is vaccinated and who is not vaccinated. The best mitigation measure is for everyone to wear a mask.”

The announcement sent airline stocks soaring, though the CDC guidance still calls for masks in crowded indoor settings such as planes, buses, trains, hospitals, prisons and homeless shelters, and says people should obey local and state regulations.

Republican Rep. Dusty Johnson, South Dakota’s lone congressman, marked the announcement by sharing a video demonstrating how cast-off masks can now be used for things like suit pocket handkerchiefs, bookmarks or beer cozies.

## PULSE

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### North Manchester Tox-Away Day announced

North Manchester’s Tox-Away Day will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m.

### Wed Wabash ‘walking bridal show’ to take over downtown

The Wedding Walk walking bridal show will be hosted by Wed Wabash and is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16 in downtown Wabash. The walk starts for everyone by picking up their “passports” at Ellen’s Bridal & Dress Boutique, 45 W. Market St., and ends 15 stops later. Members of Wed Wabash and one guest may walk in this weekend’s event for free. For others, tickets are \$5 per person and may be obtained by calling 260-563-6565 or emailing [hello@wedwabash.com](mailto:hello@wedwabash.com). For more information, visit [www.wedwabash.com](http://www.wedwabash.com).

### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host a variety of volunteer work-related activities. Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Nature Center. The volunteer workdays will continue throughout the summer at 9 a.m. Monday, May 17; 9 a.m. Monday, June 21; 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begin the season

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesday, May 18, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for May 20 at the Wabash

County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

### Manchester University sets in-person graduation ceremonies

Several small, in-person ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. Graduate and Professional ceremony are at 9 a.m. for Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training, Master of Pharmacogenomics, and the dual degree in pharmacy and pharmacogenomics (Pharm.D. and MS in Pgx). Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy (M.Acct.) ceremonies are in this order: 11:30 a.m. Honors Program, College of Arts and Humanities, M.Acct. and Gilbert College of Business; 2:30 p.m. College of Pharmacy, Natural and Health Sciences; and 4:30 p.m. College of Education and Social Sciences.

### Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26 and Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, June 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St, North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or [www.givepulse.com/group/203410](http://www.givepulse.com/group/203410).

### Honeywell Summer Arts Camps announced for grades K-12

Registration is open for Honeywell Summer Theatre and Visual Art Camps for students in grades K-12, which begin Monday, June 7, and offer in-person, fully immersive programs led by art and theater teachers and professionals. The two-week Theatre Camps for grades K-5 will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 25. The one-week Visual Art Camps will take place in the morning from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11. Registration is \$75 for art and \$90 for theatre. Financial assistance is available. For more information, visit

[HoneywellArts.org/camp](http://HoneywellArts.org/camp) or call 260-563-1102.

### WACCY Golf Outing hitting the greens June 9

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s annual WACCY Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 9 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller’s Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year’s outing will offer a morning session – with a 7:30 a.m. start – and afternoon – with a 1 p.m. start – flights on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a limit of 18 teams per flight. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com](http://www.growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

### Art Studio Trolley No. 85 tour on sale

The Art Studio Trolley No. 85 Tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12, is \$30 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St. Tickets for the Art Studio Trolley No.85 Tour are \$30 per person and are all-inclusive. Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours), stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171.

### Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by email at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

### Salamonie to hold Summer Forest Camp

Salamonie Lake will be hosting “a unique outdoor day camp” from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June

28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, June 14 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127.

### INDOT begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

Proverbs 16:8

# Arizona's recount fiasco imperils America's elections

The far right's undermining of American elections is an ongoing threat to the nation's future. An Arizona state Senate-commissioned "audit" of November ballots is not just a regional farce, but an escalation against democratic processes.

Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman correctly sounded the alarm last week that this mishandling of ballots and election records must be rejected nationally.

Republican-controlled legislatures in Florida, Iowa, Texas, Georgia and elsewhere are dangerously politicizing elections management by ratcheting up voting restrictions and limiting how officials can help people cast ballots.

Still, Arizona's move stands out as egregious. The GOP Senate leadership trampled elections guidelines and common sense with a legislative subpoena for 2.1 million Maricopa County ballots. That gave private contractor Cyber Ninjas a mission to reveal vote irregularities – in a state where 10,457 votes helped decide the presiden-

tial election.

Cyber Ninjas is no impartial referee. Its CEO fed the election-conspiracy lies that former President Donald Trump used to whip up the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. Yet the private company got total authority to rifle through the actual ballots and 400 voting machines from the election. The county's chain of custody was shattered when it ought to have been carefully preserved. Whatever Cyber Ninjas purports to find from such tainted evidence cannot be trusted. As Wyman said on CNN, it's the elections equivalent of stomping through a crime scene.

No state should accept the idea of forking over the only copy of politically charged records to a private operator to destroy trust in the outcome. In practice, Arizona has invented a process for legislators to throw out election results with impunity – even when the results have already undergone meticulous recounts.

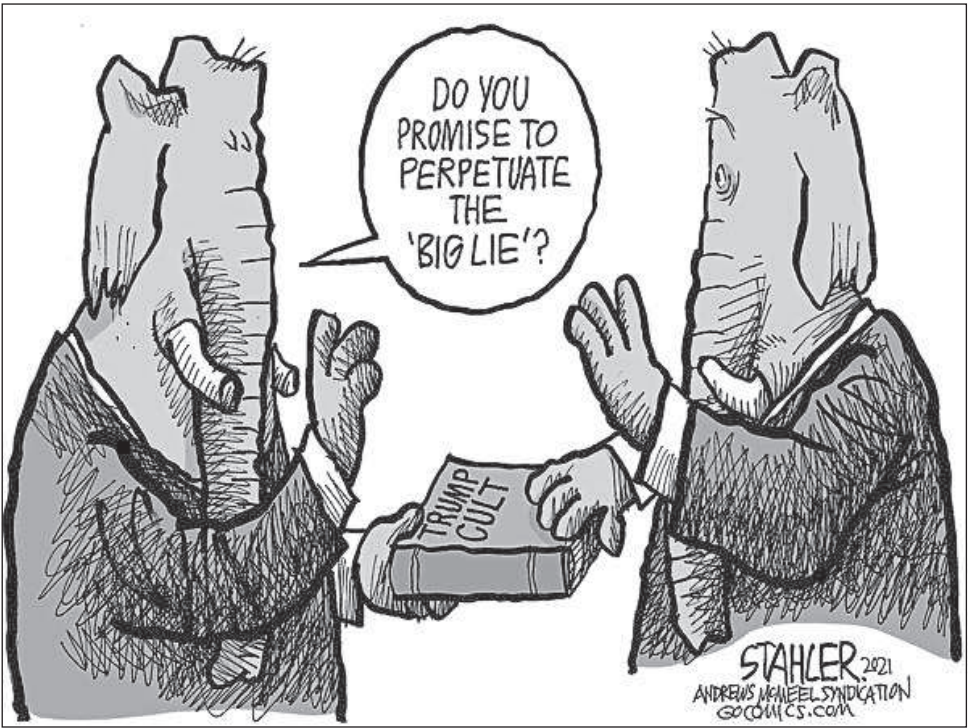
Washington, like other states, has well established policy for handling disputed elections. Publicly

managed recounts happen with observers from all parties free to witness. Arizona's sketchy system established a precedent that clouds voter trust.

Wyman, as a longtime elections professional who is a Republican, has an important role to play in the national debate by showing that election oversight must transcend partisanship. She repeatedly spoke out about the security of mail-in voting as states struggled to run the high-stakes presidential election during a pandemic – even when Trump and other Republican leaders denigrated the process.

Arizona's dubious "audit" breaches what should be regarded as a sacred trust of state and county officials conducting elections and counting votes through transparent public policy. All Americans should have accessible and trustable elections overseen with impartiality. Injecting political hardball into ballot counting must not become the new normal in any state.

– This editorial was first published in the Seattle Times.



# Hoosier tourism sector ready to welcome back visitors

By LT. GOV. SUZANNE CROUCH and ELAINE BEDEL

Between our state forests, state parks, communities with unique stories, and many more sites and events, Indiana has so much to offer visitors. It is important to showcase all our state's amenities by shining a light on the impact of the hospitality and leisure industry. This sector of our economy is huge for the state, with state tourism setting a record \$13.7 billion in visitor spending in 2019. While the industry was hit hard in 2020, much like Hoosiers, this is an industry that is resilient and ready to make our state a destination for visitors once again.

Last year, COVID-19 quickly changed the impact on the entire industry. Nationally, total travel-supported jobs accounted for a staggering 65 percent of all U.S. jobs lost amid the pandemic. While Indiana was not immune to the pandemic, our tourism agency, the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC), was able to respond quickly. IDDC took a different approach to Visit Indiana Week in 2020 with a series of videos showing the love and passion of tourism. Hoosiers shared what tourism means to them and the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, serving as a reminder that we are truly in this together.

The IDDC would go on to roll out its The 20 IN 20 campaign to feature articles about outdoor recreation and activities that included social distancing, and

partner with the Indiana Restaurant Lodging Association (INRLA) to elevate the Hoosier Hospitality Promise, ensuring and encouraging a safe reopening of businesses. IDDC also partnered with the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) to distribute relief funds to assist the industry. The Arts, Culture, and Destination Marketing Organization Grant distributed \$10 million of the COVID Relief funds to 479 grantees.

As we approach another Hoosier summer, we know more people are getting outdoors. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) saw an estimated 21 percent increase in property usage in 2020 compared to 2019. To further encourage people to get outside and visit our natural resources, IDDC launched the Indiana State Nature Passport in partnership with DNR. The free "digital passport" helps us discover new places, some of them near our own homes that we may not have known were there.

Tourism is experiencing some other bright spots, too. Indiana landed the entire NCAA tournament. Through IDDC's IN Crowd and Tourney Time campaigns, Indiana was in the national spotlight while showcasing what makes Indiana a great place to be. Several Hoosiers, near and far, shared their Hoosier pride, including homegrown stars, David Letterman and Sage Steele.

IDDC is committed to instilling Hoosier pride in every Hoosier. Many people have experienced life

outside Indiana, born and raised somewhere else but chose to call Indiana their forever home. These are our Hoosiers By Choice, and more and more are sharing their stories publicly each week. Their stories can be found by visiting [hoosiers-bychoice.com](http://hoosiers-bychoice.com).

There is also a new recovery grant available to help Indiana's hospitality industry. The Indiana Hospitality and Entertainment Grant program are available to Hoosier hotels, entertainment venues and promoters impacted throughout the pandemic. For more information, visit [backontrack.in.gov](http://backontrack.in.gov).

We are encouraged by these positive steps to safely reopen tourism throughout Indiana.

The industry remains committed to seeing familiar faces, first-time visitors and getting back to pre-pandemic numbers of 80-million visitors a year. Hoosiers are encouraged to tell their family and friends to consider making Indiana their next vacation or destination. Learn more about what we have to offer at [visitIndiana.com](http://visitIndiana.com).

Despite the hardships of the last year, Indiana is ready and eager to welcome everyone back safely.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch constitutionally serves as the President of the Indiana Senate, statutorily serves as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, chairs the Indiana Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force and oversees four state agencies. Elaine Bedel is the secretary and CEO of the Indiana Destination Development Corporation.

# Why are we hearing about a labor shortage?

Many businesses are reporting difficulty in finding workers. I hear this from business owners whose judgment I trust. I also read about it on social media, here in Indiana and around the country. These reports don't square with the data that show very large numbers of unemployed. There are more than 130,000 fewer workers in Indiana than in February 2020. So, one would imagine there are plenty of available people to take open positions.

Michael Hicks



There are a few possible explanations for the feeling that there is a labor shortage.

One of the most popular arguments is that government benefits, especially the generous CARES Act supplementary unemployment payments, cause people to avoid work. That is surely true for some workers, but the notion that this is widespread is just not supported by the evidence.

First, the benefits are generous, but temporary. There's just not a lot of evidence that workers make long-term decisions about work based on short-term benefit programs. Second, the program expired in a few states, including Indiana, late last year as President Trump delayed signing the extension bill. That experience didn't cause an increase in employment that would be consistent with workers going back to work as benefits end.

The biggest argument against benefits as the leading barrier to employment growth is data on help wanted ads. First quarter 2021 help wanted ads in Indiana were only about 7.0 percent higher than the same three months of 2020. Keep in mind, the economy entered recession in February 2020, and were already recession-like by early 2019. Not only that, but employment crashed in late March 2020 due to COVID. As of three weeks ago, there was just no evidence of a spike in hiring.

Moreover, there is little secondary evidence, beyond help wanted ads, that businesses are even trying to increase hiring in any meaningful way. Indiana has created only 30,000 new jobs since September, and only 6,000 so far in 2021. At the rate of job growth so far in 2021, it will take six years and two months to return to February 2020 levels of employment. That's June 2027 if you are wondering.

Still, with few jobs being created, it seems more likely that jobless Hoosiers would be scrambling for these scarce opportunities. That makes stories about a labor shortage more worrisome. What else could be occurring?

Joblessness during the COVID downturn was almost wholly concentrated among low-wage workers. Employment levels for workers with a college degree have climbed back to 2019 levels and are likely to fully recover by year's end. Employment for workers with only a high school degree are lower than at any time over the past 30 years for which we've been gathering monthly data.

The demographics of joblessness suggest many workers may be training for better jobs. This could take a year or more, and would explain the experience employers have with fewer available workers. One of the few good things to come out of this pandemic would be a cohort of workers with better job skills. Still, college and workforce training programs haven't seen enough of an enrollment spike to account for the reports by businesses of difficulty finding workers.

Remote work may also play a role. I personally know three people who've started remote work in the past few months that replace local jobs. So, maybe displaced workers have concentrated their job searches on finding jobs they can do at home. These jobs often have more flexible work conditions, so may be very appealing. Over the past 30 days (mid-March to mid-April), 3,082 jobs with 'remote' in their description were advertised in Indiana. Nationally, 7.5 percent of open job applications have 'remote' in their description. So, employees might be finding work, just not at the occupations and firms they left during COVID.

Many of the jobs lost to COVID were in occupations with considerable exposure to the virus. The risk of returning to these jobs is not trivial, and many workers might be unwilling to return to work at the same place, for similar wages. So, some firms might find themselves facing higher wage costs to rehire the same workers.

Another explanation is that many displaced workers may have chosen not to return to work. In the 13 months since the recession started, the labor force has shrunk by 3.89 million. Overall, the Labor Force Participation Rate is lower than it was last summer, suggesting a significant share of people who were working last year aren't actively seeking a job today. Importantly, these people should not be counted on the rolls of those currently receiving unemployment benefits. However, the source of collecting data on the unemployed differ, so there is surely some overlap.

In recent decades, the dwindling Labor Force Participation Rate has been worrisome, occurring disproportionately among young, poorly educated men. Over the past year, the rate for men has dropped more than for women, but it remains much higher for men. The reason for concern about this is that women leave the labor force primarily to care for children. The experience of young men is different and far less productive.

Child care is probably the most productive non-market exchange within the economy. If adults are voluntarily choosing to work less and remain home to raise children, it is not a policy problem. In fact, it may well generate significant benefits. It is too early to know if this is happening in large numbers, but it seems certain that an event as significant as this pandemic would result in these types of changes.

Workers may also elect not to work through more than child care duties. Many workers might have retired early, while others might be attempting to remain in school longer. These are not uncommon during a recession. Likewise, the family disruptions of the past year, which also caused a loss of close to 575,000 lives, may have altered the work interest of many Americans. The value of limited time with family may be worth more than the additional earnings from a job for some family members.

Finally, labor markets adjust imperfectly to quickly changing conditions. Businesses and workers might have very different expectations about pay, working conditions, benefits and scheduling. A job isn't created because of an ad, but because a worker and employer agree on wages, schedules and work conditions. A fast recovery, which we are anxious to see, could contribute to the sense that there is a labor shortage.

As of early May 2021, it is clear many businesses feel starved for new workers. It is not at all clear why that is, and whether or not it is a transient matter, or longer-term consequence of COVID.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Transforming ricotta: Just whip it

I am a little late to the ricotta party. For a long while, this Italian whey cheese has been relegated solely to lasagnas and other filled pasta dishes. Aside from that, ricotta has not played a role in much of my cooking. This is likely due to unfortunate first impressions, the ho-hum results of

**Lynda Balslev**



part-skim varieties that tend to be watery, grainy and lacking in character. More recently, however, I began dabbling in using fresh ricotta, and it's been revelatory. The difference between a skimmed and watered-down version

versus a high-quality whole-milk ricotta or a hand-dipped artisan ricotta (besides a few extra dollars) is a worlds-apart creamy, sweet and milky cheese, urging consumption. To which I obliged, and started experimenting with different recipes. And then I whipped it. Apparently, whipped ricotta has been a thing, but, as I mentioned, I am late to the party. Thank goodness I arrived. Whipping ricotta transforms this creamy, slightly grainy cheese into an ethereal spreadable cheese, which is sweet and mild and very receptive to additional ingredients, such as olive oil, honey, fresh herbs, salt and pepper. It's a protein-rich alternative to whipped cream, creme fraiche, yogurt, sour cream, and even a dollop of ice cream on top of dessert.

To whip ricotta, use a dense, creamy whole-milk ricotta that smells dairy-fresh and tastes milky and mildly sweet. Avoid watery, grainy, part-skim ricotta and any that has a funky aroma.

### Sweet Whipped Ricotta

**Yield: Makes 1 cup**

Combine 1 cup whole-milk ricotta, 1 tablespoon honey, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice and an optional pinch of lemon zest in a food processor and process until light and smooth. Taste for seasoning and add more honey if desired. Serve as a substitute for

whipped cream, creme fraiche or ice cream with fresh fruit and baked desserts.

### Savory Whipped Ricotta

**Yield: Makes 1 cup**

Combine 1 cup whole-milk ricotta, 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and a grind or two of black pepper in a food processor. Process until light and smooth and taste for seasoning. If you like, add a generous pinch of finely grated fresh lemon zest. Spread the ricotta in a bowl and use as a dip for crudites and bread. Stir it into cooked pasta dishes as a creamy sauce. Smear it on bruschetta or garlic toasts and top with sliced figs or stone fruit, a drizzle of honey and lemon zest, or your other favorite toppings. Spoon a dollop on cooked pizzas, roasted vegetables and salads, such as the following beet salad.

### Roasted Beet and Spring Green Salad with Whipped Ricotta

The beets will release their juices while roasting, which will mix with the olive oil that creates the base for vinaigrette.

**Active Time: 20 minutes**

**Total Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes, plus cooling time**

**Yield: Serves 4**

**3 bunches small or baby beets, 10 to 12, ends and stems trimmed, scrubbed clean**

**1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil**

**Salt**

**Freshly ground black pepper**

**2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar**

**1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice**

**4 ounces mixed spring greens, such as arugula, mache, baby spinach, miners lettuce, frisee**

**1 cup Savory Whipped Ricotta**

**Lemon zest, for garnish**

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Place the beets in a large Dutch oven. Pour in the oil, stir to coat, and lightly season with salt. Cover the pot, transfer to the oven, and roast the beets until tender when pierced with a knife, about 1 hour. Remove and cool, uncovered, in the pot.



Photo by Lynda Balslev

When cool enough to handle, peel the beets and cut into large bite-size chunks. Do not discard the oil from the pot. Place the beets in a bowl with 1 tablespoon of the cooking oil, and lightly season with salt and pepper. Cool to room temperature or refrigerate

until chilled (the beets may be prepared up to one day in advance).

Pour the remaining cooking oil into a bowl (through a strainer if desired). Whisk in the vinegar, lemon juice and a pinch of salt to taste.

To assemble the salad, arrange

a layer of mixed spring greens on serving plates. Lightly drizzle with some of the vinaigrette. Mound the beets on the greens and top with a dollop of the whipped ricotta. Garnish with lemon zest and black pepper. Serve with the remaining vinaigrette for drizzling.

## Inflation is up; the stock market is down. Here's why you shouldn't panic

This was the week of consumer angst. Inflation is pushing prices up, while the stock market started the week trending down.

"The economy is going through some dramatic adjustments as it opens up following the unprecedented circumstances associated with the pandemic last year," said Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst for Bankrate.

Then there's the panic over gas.

**Michelle Singletary**



"Top off your cars," a friend texted this week. "Costco and BJ lines are extremely long this morning and smaller stations are running out of gas." It's the toilet paper sellout all over again. This time, the buying frenzy fol-

lowed a cyberattack that shut down a pipeline that supplies the East Coast. Drivers rushed to fill their tanks and plastic containers, causing the very shortage they feared. Colonial Pipeline said it's restarting operations after a ransomware attack, so supplies should be back to normal soon.

But other factors, chiefly inflation, are still causing consumer concern. Here are some answers to questions you may have about what's going on with the economy.

■ How much do I need to worry about fuel shortages?

If you have a long-haul trip this week, get in line for gas. Otherwise, you can ride out this short-term supply issue.

"There is no gas crisis, and the situation this week is entirely contrived by consumers who are panicking for no valid reason," said Ric Edelman, founder of Edelman Financial Engines and author of "The Truth About Your Future."

"The problem is not even as bad as a hurricane, which also disrupts supplies for a week," Edelman said. "But in that case, it leaves behind massive destruction. In this case, a spigot was simply turned off. It'll be turned on again, and gas will resume its normal flow to consumers. Within a week, there will be a glut of gas available, just as there is a glut of toilet paper on the market because so many people bought so much toilet paper last year when the pandemic began."

■ What is inflation?

In short, inflation is the rate of

change of prices, says Tendayi Kapfidze, the chief economist at LendingTree, a leading online marketplace for loans.

Inflation data out Wednesday showed that the consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.2 percent year over year in April, which is the fastest increase since September 2008, Kapfidze pointed out. The Core CPI, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 3 percent year over year, the largest growth in 25 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. "The biggest contributor to the inflation numbers were used cars and trucks, which rose 21 percent year over year as demand rises with re-opening amid constrained supply," Kapfidze said in an interview.

Right now we're seeing the U.S. economy emerge from the pandemic, and there's pent-up demand for everything from cars to lumber to travel, said Christine Benz, director of personal finance for Morningstar, a leading provider of investment research.

"Some consumers have had more of an opportunity to save over the past year than would be the case in normal times, which further contributes to the heightened demand and spending now," Benz said.

■ Why is inflation going up so much and how will it affect my personal finances?

"To say prices are rising doesn't quite capture the sticker shock some consumers may have when they look to resume their normal daily lives," said Russell Price, chief economist at Ameriprise Financial.

As to why inflation is rising, there are two main factors, according to Kapfidze.

First, prices fell last April as the pandemic hit, so some of the increase in the price of services and goods is just the reopening bringing prices back to normal.

Second, with the reopening, we are seeing demand rebound much faster than supply, so this leads to higher prices.

"As prices rise, it's a great time to review your budget and ensure different categories are still remaining within comfortable limits," Kapfidze says. "A classic response to higher prices is a substitution, so consider if you should discontinue using some items or services and replace them with others or reduce the quantity."

A good example of a substitute is switching from a name brand to a store brand, he said. If you're in the market for a car, consider buying a used car rather than a new one. Or widen your search to find a different car model with a lower price point.

"The core idea is that the substitute can largely fulfill the consumer need at a lower cost," Kapfidze said.

You might also delay some purchases until prices stabilize.

"Avoid spending in areas that have experienced rapid price increases if you can avoid it," Benz said. "For example, if you don't have to do your home remodeling project right now, there may be a more opportune, cost-effective time down the line to do so when lumber prices have moderated."

"Higher prices for things such as air travel, furniture, appliances, lumber, hotel stays and automobiles should start to ease as supply and demand rebalance in these industries over time," Price said. "For these items, the best strategy may be to wait it out. It will be tough given what we've been through, but you're simply going to pay more if you want to be first in line."

The best way to manage during this time is to devote more time and attention to your personal or family budget and make sure you have sufficient emergency savings, Hamrick said.

■ Who benefits from inflation?

Businesses with pricing power can benefit from inflation if they are able to increase the price of what they sell for more than the increase in their costs, Kapfidze said.

"If you are a borrower, inflation means you pay back your loan with dollars that are worth less than when you took out the loan," he says. "Interest is meant to compensate for this, that's why when inflation goes up, interest rates do too."

If you're working and earning a paycheck, you may well be eligible for cost-of-living adjustments in your paycheck, Benz says.

"The same goes for people who are receiving most of their incomes from Social Security, in that Social Security provides ongoing inflation increases. It may not be as much as you would like, but it's something," she said.

■ Is inflation bad or good?

"A little inflation is good, as it

supports lending, investing and borrowing, which all contribute to economic growth," according to Kapfidze. "Too much inflation is bad, as it erodes the value of savings, and deflation is bad, as it discourages spending."

Inflation is part of the routine business cycle, which means you should put what's going on now in perspective, Edelman says.

In 2019, the economy was doing well with low unemployment, and stable interest rates and inflation rates. Then the pandemic hit. Millions of people lost their jobs, and consumer spending fell.

"In an effort to generate revenue and stay in business, companies lowered their prices. This is called deflation. As part of this, the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates to make it easier for people to afford loans, so they could buy houses and cars, all to help the economy stabilize and ultimately recover," Edelman explains.

Although the economy is recovering, supplies are short in many areas because manufacturers reduced their output.

"With lower supplies and new, higher demand, prices are rising," Edelman said. "This can be expected to continue for some time."

Many sellers are elated about the uptick in demand, such as people selling their homes or auto dealers. "Be prepared to spend more on everything from groceries to homeowner's insurance," Edelman said.

■ Why is the stock market suddenly selling off?

"Stock market participants appear to be watching inflation closely, and recent indications of inflation flaring up have caused some of the recent volatility," Benz said.

There are a lot of reasons that higher inflation might be bad news for stocks.

"One is that higher prices can put the brakes on growth," Benz said. "If it costs more to remodel your home, buy a car or hire people because wages often go up with inflation, you might opt not to do it. Corporate profits can get hurt if companies aren't able to pass on their higher costs to consumers. In addition, the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates, which increases borrowing costs."

■ Should I be worried about how inflation is affecting the stock market?

As far as what to do, it depends

on your life stage, the experts said.

Learn from the fall and rise of the stock market last year, Hamrick says.

"Anyone who jumped out of the market when it was diving last year likely had a difficult time knowing when to get back in, essentially locking in losses and failing to enjoy the gains which followed," he said. "If you are investing money you can't afford to lose, dialing down risk is the most prudent approach."

"Younger people with lots of stocks in their portfolios should do their best to ignore the gyrations, as always," Benz said. "The good news for them is that stocks have historically beaten inflation by a solid margin over longer periods of time, so stocks are really their best defense."

If you can leave the money invested for 10 years, it's reasonable to be confident that the future prices will be higher than today's prices, Edelman said.

"A balanced portfolio should weather the storm over the long term, but if you have expenditures that will occur in the near future, then you'll want to have money for that in less volatile financial instruments," Kapfidze recommends.

But inflation is arguably more problematic for people who are getting ready to retire or in retirement, because inflation eats away at the purchasing power of fixed-rate investments they might have in their portfolios, like bonds and cash, according to Benz. "That's not to say they should throw those fixed-rate investments overboard, because they do need safety in their portfolios," she said. "But it argues for having ample exposure to stocks in retirement, too, and also making room for safer investments that offer some protection against inflation, like Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities."

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# Manchester Symphony Orchestra offers music from around the world

Show to highlight world premiere of ‘Songs of the Islands’ orchestrations, operatic guest artists

By ANNE GREGORY

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra will present “Around the World in 80 Minutes” at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus.

The orchestra, under the direction of Manchester Professor Debra Lynn, will present the world premiere of Songs of the Islands orchestrations by Dominique Le Gendre and Lynn.

The Caribbean song cycle features Maegan Pollonais,

mezzo-soprano, as well as guest artists-in-residence operatic soprano Jamie Chamberlin and tenor Nathan Granner.

The guest artists were brought from Los Angeles to Manchester through a designated donation fund started by the symphony orchestra at the beginning of the year. The program is also made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

Manchester University’s Chamber Singers will also perform on this song cycle.



Provided photos  
Operatic soprano Jamie Chamberlin is a guest artist-in-residence.

The concert will also include “Variations on America” by Charles Ives, “Hun-



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garian Dances” by Johannes Brahms, “Bachianas Brasileiras No. 2” by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos,



Tenor Nathan Granner is also a guest artist-in-residence.

“Entrance of the Queen Of Sheba” by George Frideric Handel, and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arranged by Margaret Bonds. A pre-concert talk about “Songs of the Islands” will be presented at 2:30 p.m. in Wine Recital Hall by Pollonais, who is director of student diversity and inclusion at Manchester.

General admission is \$15; free for Manchester students, faculty, and staff, and all attendees younger than 18. Mask and social distancing are required at all times for audience members.

This is Lynn’s first season as the symphony’s conductor.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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felt in Wabash County.

Previous local deployments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have included long-term care facilities, food bank tailgate distributions and free testing sites.

Members of the Indiana National Guard were on hand at the first Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) free drive-thru testing site in late October 2020 and early November 2020. And in December 2020, Indiana National Guard members have been stationed at the testing site at Wabash Friends Church.

Lowry said in December 2020 they had nearly 40 Guardsmen at nine Optum testing sites throughout the state, with four to eight assigned per site.

In November 2020, Peabody Retirement Community executive director Rod Craft said that on Nov. 2, 2020, the Indiana National Guard mobilized teams to long-term care facilities at the direction of Gov. Eric Holcomb. Craft said they were one of the communities receiving assistance.

In November 2020, state officials announced more

than 1,300 members of Indiana’s National Guard were being deployed to the 133 hardest-hit long-term care centers to assist with infection control practices like improved COVID-19 testing for facility residents and employees, according to the Associated Press. That support – meant, in part, to relieve health care staff – was then expanded to all 534 nursing homes in Indiana over the following three weeks, Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Dale Lyles said. The extra help was available until Dec. 31, 2020.

Craft said three Indiana National Guard soldiers were assisting them with entering over 900 test results weekly at their facility, as well as screening employees and guests before entering the building.

One area which has seen less support lately from the Indiana National Guard is at Second Harvest Food Bank. In October 2020 president and CEO Tim Kean said they only had a “small remnant” of seven National Guard soldiers remaining at their facility.

In late September 2020, Kean said 30 members of the National Guard had been on-site at their facility since April 7, 2020. This increased personnel had al-

lowed monthly tailgate distribution events in Wabash County to be moved up to a weekly basis. That support ended in October 2020. As a result, Wabash County’s food distributions are now scheduled every other week.

“While we no longer assist operations at food banks, which ended in November, nor long-term care facilities, which ended in February, Indiana National Guardsmen stand ready to assist federal and state agencies as this last year has proven,” said Lowry.

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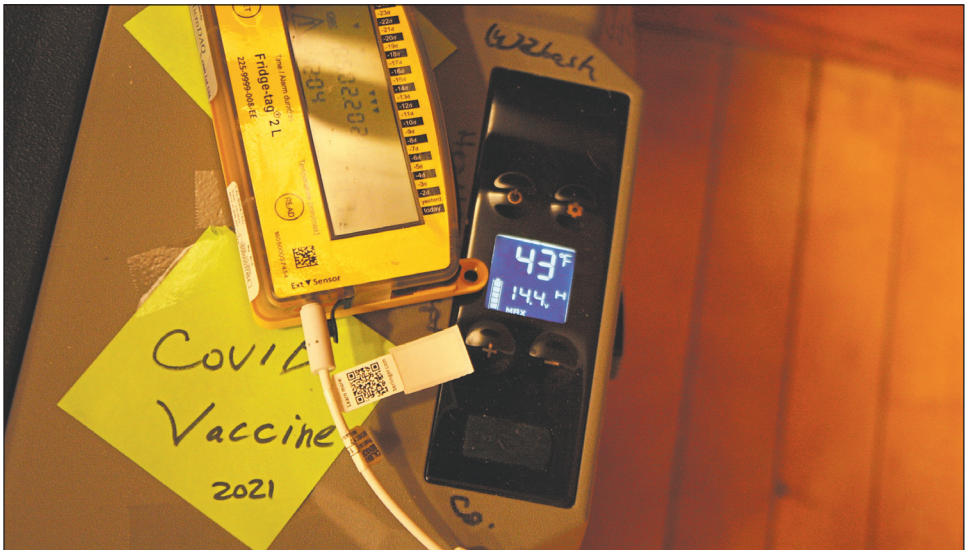


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**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**  
Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Christ United Methodist Church**  
On Sunday, May 16 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be John 17:6-19 with a sermon reflection titled, “The Lord’s Prayer.” Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

**Christian Heritage Church**  
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

**College Corner Brethren Church**  
College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

**Common Ground Prayer House**  
The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to

the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

**Dora Christian Church**  
For the Sunday, May 16 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be “Being Strong” from Ephesians 6:10-20. The Communion Table will be served by Brad Frieden and Scott Hendry. There will be a Children’s Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Brooke Swope and Holli Good. If you can’t make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**  
The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

**LaFontaine United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Susan Shambaugh

says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

**Lincolnville United Methodist Church**  
Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m.

**Living Faith Lutheran Church**  
Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

**Manchester Church of the Brethren**  
Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to

access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

**North Manchester Congregational Christian Church**  
Pastor Sebrana Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**North Manchester Missionary Church**  
The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

**Olive Branch Church of God**  
The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**  
Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

**Southside Free Will Baptist**  
Streaming on their Facebook page.

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**  
Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

**Urbana Yoke Parish**  
Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the transitional minister.

**Wabash Church of the Nazarene**  
Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com),

look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

**Wabash First Church of God**

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 16 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “A Joyful Life,” 1 John, Chapter 1. The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

**Walk by Faith Community Church**  
At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

**Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash**  
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BARROW COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: Petition of  
Michael Shawn Murdock  
To adopt Trenten Robert Reist Adoption Petition  
Minor child  
No. 21A- 03-W  
To Terry Dale Collier  
You, are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking the termination of parental rights for the minor child was filed on January 28, 2021, and that by reason you are hereby notified that a hearing to terminate your parental rights is to be held on July 12, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Superior Court of Barrow County, 652 Barrow Park Drive, Winder, Georgia.  
Witnesseth the Honorable Wayne D. McLocklin, Superior Court of Barrow County.  
This 22 day of March 2021  
Janie J. Jones  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF Wabash  
IN THE Wabash Circuit Court  
CAUSE NUMBER:85C01-2104-JT-000007  
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION  
OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:  
ZB - DOB 12/24/2017  
AND  
Alexis Ballard (Mother) AND  
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 6/23/2021 at 9:00 AM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.  
You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.  
You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.  
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.  
/s/Lori J Draper (SEAL)  
Clerk  
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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
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Mixed signals frustrate best friend who wants more

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a lesbian. There's a girl I have liked for a little over a month. We are like best friends. When I told her I was attracted to her, she basically friend-zoned me, which hurt. Then she told a mutual friend she was considering being "friends with benefits" with me, and I got excited. Well, she changed her mind again because she was afraid it would be awkward.

Dear Abby



I still have a crush on her, but I value our friendship. We spend so much time together, and things are easy but also challenging because I just want to grab her and kiss her. We snuggle all the time, and she gives me hugs every day (we live in the same dormitory). I want to make out with her. These mixed signals are killing me. What do I do? – Dazed & Confused In Florida

**DEAR DAZED:** You're right. This young woman is giving you mixed signals. That's why you should put her firmly in YOUR friend zone. Stop the hugging and snuggling and move on, so you can find someone who reciprocates your feelings. (Absence has been known to make the heart grow fonder.) Perhaps when she realizes that you are capable of moving on, her feelings for you will change. However, if they don't, you will have lost nothing but more heartache.

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, my dear mother-in-law passed away. While writing her obituary, it was a challenge to hunt down accurate dates and family information. Many family members chimed in with conflicting information. To prevent this confusion in the future, would it be tactless to ask relatives for some of this information ahead of time? If so, how would you go about writing something on this topic without offending someone? – Wondering In Michigan

**DEAR WONDERING:** What you have in mind is practical. If you have a relationship with these relatives, why not bring some of these questions up in normal conversation? (I assume you know where they were born.) To ask when people graduated from high school or college isn't intrusive. What year someone was married isn't classified information either. If you simply start talking, you may find out much of the information you are after.

P.S. If your relatives are willing to make the effort to write down their own stories, it could be compiled into a precious family history.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our family just got back from a perfect vacation, which included, in addition to my husband and me, my three adult sons, their wives, two grandchildren and my mom. My husband and I paid to rent a house, and we all chipped in for food.

When we returned, my sister called and said she was jealous, and she wants to be included next time. I love my sister, but that would very much change the dynamics of our vacation. Is it selfish to not want to include her? Is there anything I can say or do to ease the hurt? Due to COVID, we are no longer hosting holidays or other celebrations as we normally do. – Big Family Up North

**DEAR BIG FAMILY:** Your sister has a right to her feelings. However, that does not obligate you to change your family vacation plans to suit her. Because you appear to have trouble saying no, tell her you will think about it, which is true and doesn't obligate you.

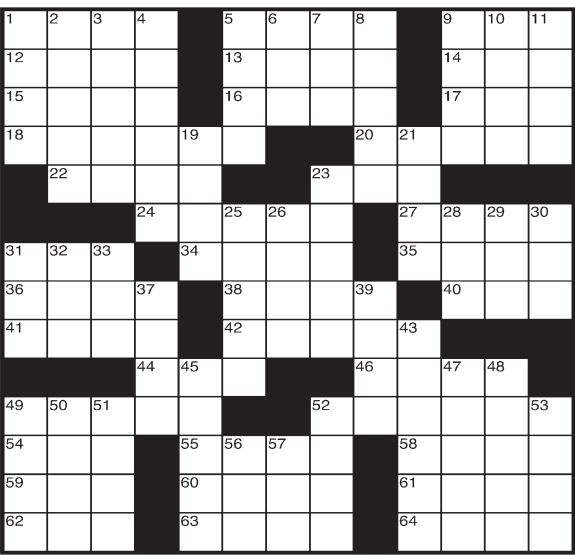
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Puts into service
  - 5 Diary opener
  - 9 Marquee notice, for short
  - 12 Cheery tone
  - 13 Flu symptom
  - 14 Ms. Shriver of tennis
  - 15 Roulette color
  - 16 Eerie sound
  - 17 Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
  - 18 Listens in
  - 20 Sea duck
  - 22 Lucy Lawless role
  - 23 Four-poster
  - 24 Kennel noise
  - 27 Croquet site
  - 31 Beret
  - 34 Jean Stein bestseller
  - 35 Rapier's kin
  - 36 Imprudently impulsive
  - 38 Fiery gem
- DOWN**
- 40 Subside
  - 41 Taft's state
  - 42 Type in again
  - 44 Ot. fractions
  - 46 Travel document
  - 49 Volunteer
  - 52 Smoked herring
  - 54 Standard
  - 55 Mountains or river
  - 58 Comic swamp critter
  - 59 Pablo's aunt
  - 60 "— and get it!"
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  - 62 Underhanded
  - 63 Toy with a tail
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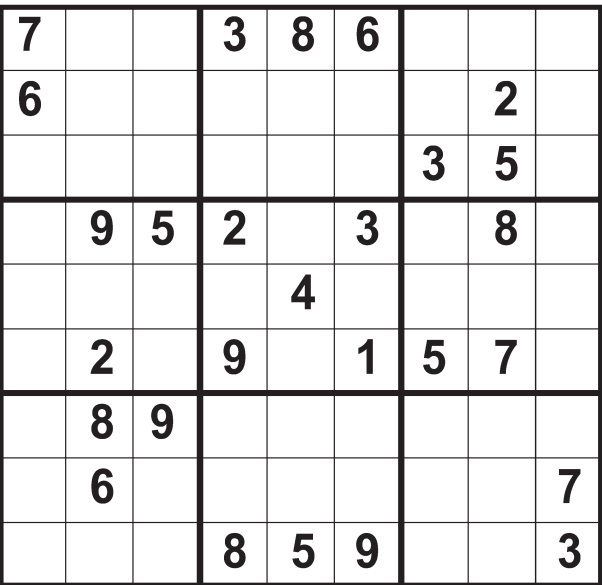


- 6** "The Name of the Rose" author
- 7** Triumphant cry
- 8** Ms. Zellweger
- 9** Rushed
- 10** Scream and shout
- 11** Khayyam or Sharif
- 19** Weight rebate
- 21** Lazing about
- 23** Dreary
- 25** Bad smells
- 26** Clean with a rag
- 28** Zoo animal
- 29** Duck's foot
- 30** Bird's beak
- 31** —Magnon man
- 32** Contented sigh
- 33** Air pump meas.
- 37** Optimism
- 39** Clothier — Strauss
- 43** Barked
- 45** Pickup
- 47** Mushroom-to-be
- 48** Patronage
- 49** Makes choices
- 50** Not work out
- 51** Skirmish
- 52** "Fish Magic" artist
- 53** Diamond, slangily
- 56** French monarch
- 57** Oz. or lb.



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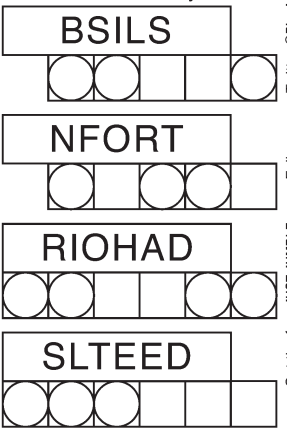
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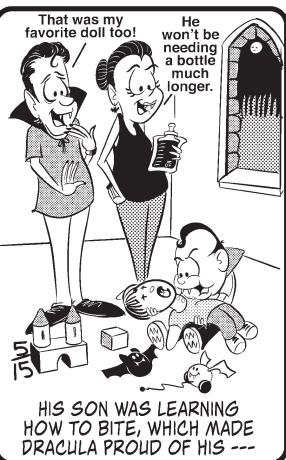
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



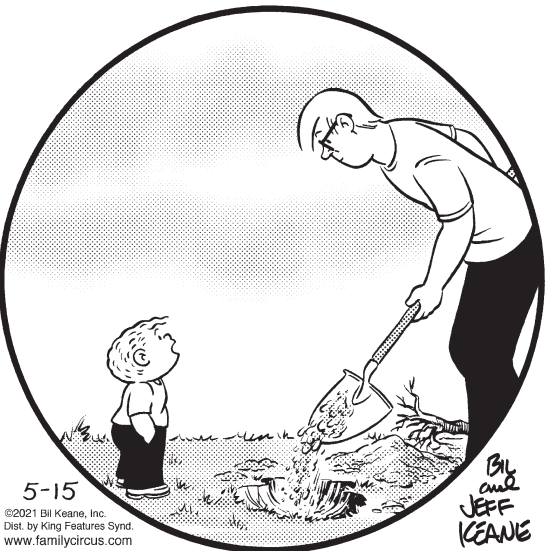
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



(Answers Monday)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: BUDDY OFTEN OUTAGE BISHOP  
Answer: The baby bunny that was finally able to jump over the creek was — BOUND TO DO IT

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

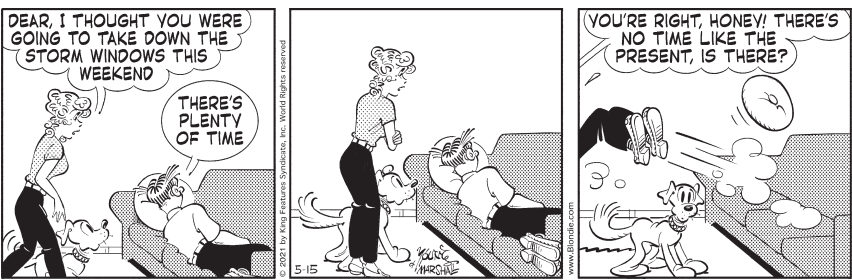


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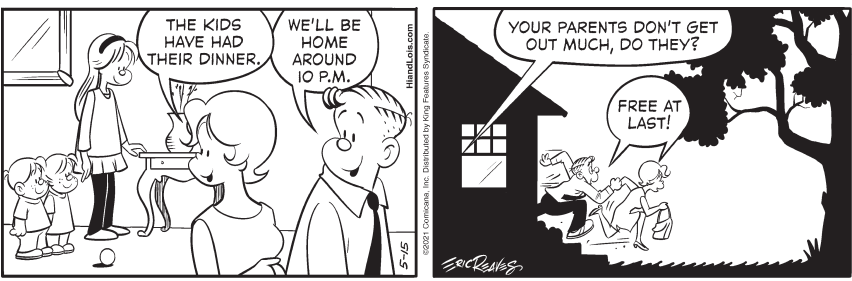
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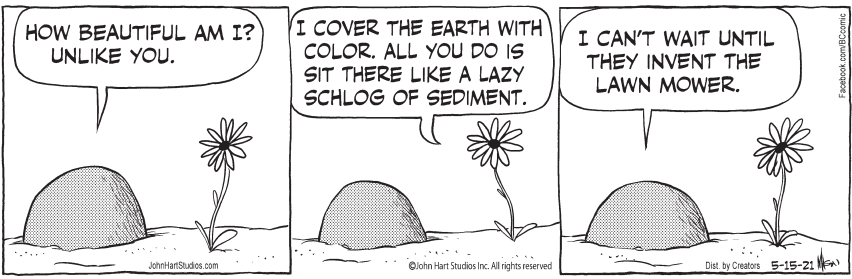
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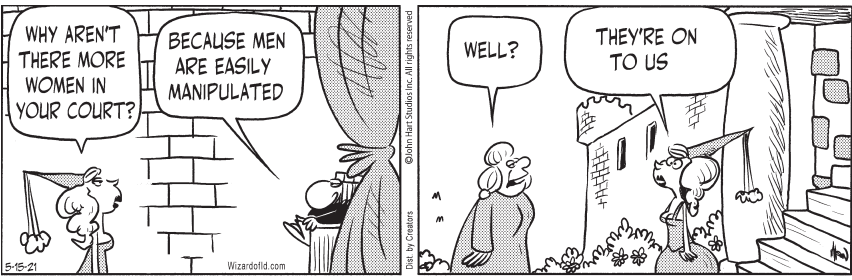
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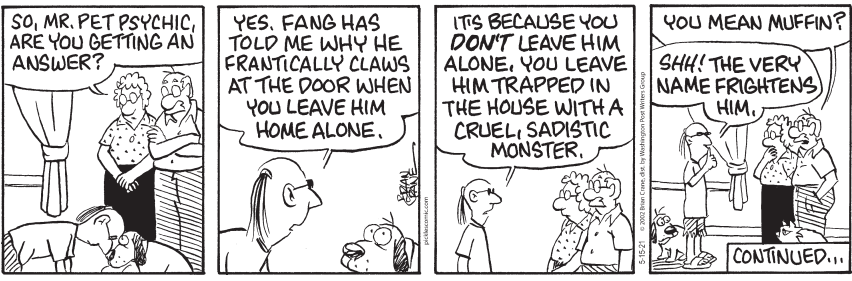
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God has set eternity in the hearts of the people

**Q:** Why do most people believe is some kind of life after death? – L.D.

**A:** God has put within each of us an inner sense that life on earth is not all there is. The Bible tells us that God has set eternity in the hearts of the people (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Many may suppress this truth or even deny it, but the human conscience still speaks. The still small voice of God tells us down deep what is true (1 Kings 19:12). We must never ignore that inner voice but rather, check what we believe it is saying alongside Scripture where God reveals these truths to mankind.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this danger of denying

God's truth: "What can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them" (Romans 1:19, ESV).

We are not simply physical beings; we also have a soul (or spirit), and we hear within us the likeness of our Creator. That likeness has been marred and distorted by sin – but it is still there. And just as God is eternal, so we sense in our hearts that we, too, must be eternal. Just as God lives forever, we also will live forever.

Death reduces all people to the same rank; it strips the rich of their millions and the poor of their rags. Death knows no age limits and no partiality. But death is not without hope.

For those who know Christ Jesus, death is the doorway into His presence and death is more friend than foe, the beginning rather than the end, another step toward eternal life. For those who do not know Christ, you can know Him today by calling on the name of Jesus.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" U G M J I Z U T J W B I B I U T K W X  
J I E W L U T K I V M X M E U I W B  
W U B M C M E L U I E U L ."  
— H M B M E I N T K I E B . A E I Y N M Z

Previous Solution: "For every failure, there's an alternative course of action. ... When you come to a roadblock, take a detour." — Mary Kay Ash

TODAY'S CLUE: X I S I N B A









**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

**BAPTIST**

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

**CATHOLIC**

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Transitional minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

**FRIENDS CHURCH**

**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

**INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**LUTHERAN**

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

**UNITED METHODIST**

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.




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